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1. SUMMARY: SECURITY ASSISTANCE CONFERENCE IS TENTATIVELY
SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 10.

DESPITE THE ENORMOUS BATTLES OF THE LAST TWO WEEKS OVER
THIS LEGISLATION, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE TOO MUCH TROUBLE IN
CONFERENCE. ON TURKEY (UNDERSCORED), WE WILL SEEK SOME
ADJUSTMENTS WHICH SHOULD MAKE THE OUTCOME MORE ACCEPTABLE
BOTH TO THE GREEKS AND TURKS. ON RHODESIA (UNDERSCORED),
WE WILL TRY TO NUDGE THE CONFEREES IN THE DIRECTION OF THE
JAVITS-CASE FORMULA FROM THE SENATE AND BELIEVE THAT THIS

CAN BE DONE IN A WAY THAT THE HOUSE WILL FIND SATISFACTORY. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE SOME "CONSTRAINTS" IN THE SENATE BILL WHICH WE WILL TRY TO ELIMINATE. THE CONFEREES WILL BE GENERALLY FAVORABLE TO OUR POSITION ON MAJOR ISSUES, BOTH HOUSES HAVE HAD CATHARTIC FIGHTS ON THESE ISSUES, AND WILL NOT BE ANXIOUS TO GO OVER THE GROUND AGAIN, SO THE PROSPECTS ARE GOOD.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION (UNDERScoreD)

HAVING GOTTEN HALFWAY THROUGH THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION, THE HOUSE TODAY PUT IT ASIDE UNTIL AT LEAST THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14. THE MOST SERIOUS DAMAGE THUS FAR WAS ELIMINATION OF ALL ASSISTANCE TO SYRIA, AN ITEM WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE SENATE AND IN CONFERENCE. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE SUCCEEDED IN BEATING REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG'S AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE BARRED INDIRECT AID THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL BANKS TO VIETNAM, LAOS, CAMBODIA AND UGANDA. WE WON ON THE YOUNG AMENDMENT 198-203, TURNING AROUND ROUGHLY 90 MEMBERS WHO VOTED THE OTHER WAY LAST YEAR. USING LISTS FROM THE EARLY VOTES, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TARGET OUR EFFORTS FOR THE BIG ISSUES TO COME -- LONG'S AMENDMENT TO CUT \$600 MILLION FROM THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BANKS AND FURTHER ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUTS. END SUMMARY.

2. RECAP OF HOUSE ACTION ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL

--TURKEY

THE 3-1/2 YEAR-OLD TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO WAS LIFTED TUESDAY BY A CLIFF-HANGER VOTE OF 208 TO 205 ON AN AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY MAJORITY LEADER WRIGHT WHICH WAS SIMILAR TO THE MCGOVERN-BYRD AMENDMENT PASSED BY THE SENATE. THE HOUSE VERSION, HOWEVER, WOULD RAISE THE EMBARGO ONLY UPON A PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATION THAT IT IS IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST OF THE US AND NATO TO DO SO AND THAT TURKEY IS ACTING IN GOOD FAITH TO SETTLE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM TO INCLUDE:

--THE EARLY PEACEFUL RETURN OF THE REFUGEES;

--CONTINUED REMOVAL OF TURKISH TROOPS; AND

--EARLY RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

PROPOSERS OF THE EMBARGO, SENSING DEFEAT, OFFERED A COMPROMISE SPONSORED BY HIRC CHAIRMAN ZABLOCKI WHICH WOULD HAVE RETAINED THE EMBARGO, BUT PROVIDED FOR A SUSPENSION FOR ONE YEAR IF:

--THE TURKS WITHDREW FROM FAMAGUSTA;

--THE UN ASSUMED ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
FAMAGUSTA; AND

--GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS ON CYPRUS COMMENCED.

ANALYSIS OF HOUSE TURKISH EMBARGO VOTE (UNDERScoreD)

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THE TURKISH EMBARGO VOTE IN THE HOUSE
WAS A VIRTUAL REPLAY OF THE JULY 1975 VOTE SAVE FOR THE
HAPPY DIFFERENCE THAT THIS TIME THE ADMINISTRATION CAME
OUT ON TOP. BOTH TIMES:

--A MAJORITY OF REPUBLICANS VOTED AGAINST IMPOSING THE
EMBARGO, WHILE A MAJORITY OF DEMOCRATS VOTED TO RETAIN IT;

--THERE WAS A DISTINCTLY REGIONAL CHARACTER TO THE VOTE --
THE ADMINISTRATION DID VERY POORLY IN THE NORTHEAST, THE
MID-ATLANTIC AND THE BIG CITIES. WE DID VERY WELL IN THE
WEST AND SOUTH.

THE DIFFERENCE TUESDAY WAS THAT THE (PRIMARILY REPUBLICAN)
SWITCHERS WHO VOTED TO RETAIN THE EMBARGO WERE OFFSET BY
A LARGER NUMBER OF DEMOCRATS WHO SWITCHED TO SUPPORT THE
ADMINISTRATION BY VOTING FOR THE WRIGHT AMENDMENT.

PARAQUAT (UNDERScoreD)

THE HOUSE ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE A WOLFF AMENDMENT PRO-
HIBITING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO ERADICATE MARIJUANA
THROUGH THE USE OF PARAQUAT UNLESS THE PARAQUAT IS USED
WITH ANOTHER SUBSTANCE OR AGENT WHICH WILL SIGNAL USERS
THAT PARAQUAT HAS BEEN USED ON IT.

AFGHANISTAN (UNDERScoreD)

AN ASHBROOK AMENDMENT TO STRIKE \$600,000 IN IMET FOR
AFGHANISTAN WAS REJECTED BY VOICE VOTE.

KOREA (UNDERScoreD)

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STRATTON OFFERED AN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE REDUCED THE

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE KOREAN EQUIPMENT TRANSFER PACKAGE FROM \$800 MILLION TO \$90 MILLION FOR FY 79 ONLY AND WOULD HAVE LIMITED THE NUMBER OF TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN TO 6,000 IN THAT PERIOD. DERWINSKI OFFERED AN ADMINISTRATION-SUPPORTED SUBSTITUTE WHICH WAS IDENTICAL TO THE LANGUAGE ADOPTED BY THE SENATE AND SIMPLY CALLS FOR CONSULTATION WITH CONGRESS BEFORE ADDITIONAL TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWN. THE DERWINSKI PROPOSAL WAS SUBSTITUTED FOR STRATTON'S BY A 212-189 VOTE AND THE THE SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE WAS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 279-117.

A JACOBS AMENDMENT TO SUSPEND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA UNTIL FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM DONG JO IS PERMITTED BY THE ROKG TO COME TO THE US TO COOPERATE IN

THE KOREAGATE INVESTIGATION WAS DEFEATED 257-147.

RHODESIA (UNDERSCORED)

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT VOTE ON WEDNESDAY WAS ON RHODESIA, WHERE, WITH STRONG SUPPORT FROM SPEAKER O'NEILL, WE WERE ABLE TO TURN BACK BY 229 TO 176 A FINDLEY AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE LIFTED SANCTIONS IMMEDIATELY. THE AMENDMENT PROVIDED THAT THE PRESIDENT COULD REIMPOSE THE SANCTIONS IF NEGOTIATIONS WERE NOT BEING CONDUCTED IN GOOD FAITH OR IF ELECTIONS WERE NOT SCHEDULED. THE HOUSE THEN PASSED AN ICHORD AMENDMENT BY 229 TO 180 WHICH WOULD REQUIRE REMOVAL OF SANCTIONS BY DECEMBER 31, 1979, UNLESS THE PRESIDENT DETERMINES THAT FREE ELECTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN HELD IN WHICH ALL POLITICAL GROUPS ARE FREE TO PARTICIPATE.

CHILE (UNDERSCORED)

NEWS OF THE INDICTMENTS FOR THE LETELIER ASSASSINATION CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF THE HOUSE. AN AMENDMENT WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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WOULD HAVE SUSPENDED UNCONDITIONALLY ALL PIPELINE MILITARY ASSISTANCE SHIPMENTS TO CHILE WAS DEFEATED 146 TO 120. THEN, FOLLOWING AN ABORTIVE LEADERSHIP ATTEMPT TO END FURTHER DEBATE ON CHILE, THE HOUSE PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE A HARKIN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD SUSPEND PIPELINE SHIPMENTS UNTIL THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT TURNED OVER TO THE US GOVERNMENT FOR TRIAL THE INDICTED ACCUSED SLAYERS OF FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR ORLANDO LETELIER AND MRS. RONNI K. MOFFIT, A US CITIZEN. THIS AMENDMENT WAS LATER OVERTURNED BY A VOTE OF 243 TO 166 JUST PRIOR TO FINAL PASSAGE OF THE BILL. THE FINAL EFFEC
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